(b) and (c) As regards side effect, health worker has to inform the clients of the benefits and risks so that beneficiaries can make any appropriate choice. In fact the pill has a number of benefits in addition to its contraceptive effect like reduction in the incidence of anaemia, regulation of menstrual cycle, protection against pelvic inflammatory disease, cancer of ovaries and benign breast diseases.

It is not a fact that oral contraceptive increase risk of cancer. However, a number of recent study have found only a weak association between long term use of oral contraceptive and breast cancer. It is un-clear whether this observed association is attributable to bias, the development of new cases of cancer or accelerated growth of existing cancer.

(d) and (e) In the event of an acceptor developing any complication due to use of oral contraceptive pills, medical aid is available in Govt. Hospital/Institutions.

[Translation]

Elected MP/MLA/MLC are Still in the Post

4640. SHRI RAMASHRAYA PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the Professors/Principals of the Degree Colleges/Universities in Bihar have been elected as Member of Legislative Assemblies (MLA) or Members of Parliament (MP);

(b) if so, the details thereof, College-wise/University-wise;

(c) whether such M.Ps and M.L.As are getting their regular salaries from their respective Degree Colleges/ Universities or are on extraordinary leave;

(d) if so, the number of M.L.As/M.Ps getting their regular salary alongwith the number of those who are on extraordinary leave; and

(e) the rules of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Recruitment in Defence Forces

4641. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of recruitment made in the three wings of the Defence forces from Rajasthan in the last three years, yearwise;

(b) whether the total number of such recruitment in Rajasthan is less as compared with some other States;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the total number of recruitment centres in Rajasthan, their locations and the number of centres in which recruitment was done during the last three years;

(e) whether any preference is given in recruitment to the sons/dependents of the ex-servicemen;

(f) whether the Government have received any complaints regarding corruption at the recruitment centres or irregularity in recruitment; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (g) The details of recruitment made in the three wings of the Defence Forces from Rajasthan in the last three years, year-wise are as under:-

Year	*Army*	*Navy*	*Air Force*
1993-94	3233	104	176
1994-95	4742	126	155
1995-96	5881	134	163

2. Vacancies in the Army are allotted based on RMP (Recruitable Male Population) of each State/Union Territory. Vacancies allotted for fixed class like Sikh Regiment are filled exclusively from the concerned region, class etc. Recruitment in the Army from the state of Rajasthan has been good. However, recruitment in the Navy and the Air Force has been less as compared with some States whose population is lesser than that of Rajasthan. Selection in the Navy and the Air Force is based on eligibility of the candidates, who fulfill the selection criteria. It is also done on All India basis.

3. There are five Army recruitment centres in Rajasthan and these are at Ajmer, Alwar, Jhunjhunu, Kota and Jhodhpur. The Indian Navy has four recruitment centres located at Ajmer, Alwar, Jhunjhunu and Jhodhpur. There is only one recruitment centre of the Air Force located at Jhodhpur. Recruitment was done at all these centres during the last three years.

4. Certain vacancies in the Army are allotted for enrolment of wards of war widows, Servicemen and ex-Servicemen. Some relaxation is also given in the form of bonus marks in written examination, physical standards etc. Wards of war widows, Servicemen and ex-Servicemen need not send formal application for enrolment in the Army. They are permitted to report directly for screening to the concerned recruitment centre. In the Navy, weightage of 5% marks is given to the wards of ex-Servicemen. As regards the Air Force, no preference is

given in recruitment to the sons/dependents of ex-Servicemen.

5. Complaints regarding corruption at the recruitment centres are received by the Government and these are mostly anonymous or psuedonymous based on rumours or made by unsucessful candidates. All such complaints are investigated thoroughly and necessary action is taken against the defaulters, if any.

[English]

CGHS Dispensaries

4642. DR. ARVIND SHARMA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are running any CGHS Dispensary for the beneficiaries of Central Government employees, who are coming from Delhi border cities like Sonepat and Bahadurgarh;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to start CGHS dispensaries in those areas; and

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (d) Due to infrastructural constraints, CGHS is being expanded in phases. The first priority is to cover all State capitals having a concentration of 7,500 or more Central Government employees/pensioners.

Financial Assistance for Hospitals etc. to Kerala

4643. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details about the loan/financial assistance given to hospital projects in Kerala during the last three years;

(b) the terms/conditions subject to which allocation has been made;

(c) whether the Government have received any further request from Kerala for getting financial assistance for the expansion and development of medical colleges and hospitals in the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) 'Health' being the State Subject, the State Governments are primarily responsible fo providing hospital facilities within their available resources No financial assistance has been given by the Centra Government for expansion of hospitals.

(c) to (e) The Government of Kerala offered land free of cost for the setting up of National Dental Research Institute though no detailed project proposal has been prepared by that Government. They had sought financia assistance for the scheme from the European Commission

Medicinal Herbs

4644. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) names of the herbs of medicinal values on which research is going on in various drugs research institutes all over the country as well as in foreign countries;

(b) the facts and achievements thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to have a wel coordinated approach in this matter with research institutions in foreign countries to avoid duplication; and

(d) if so, the measures taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) Drug research on medicina plants is carried on through various research projects under several departments of the Government, and databases on medicinal plants are maintained with CSIR ICAR etc. in India and NAPRALERT of Chicago, among International databases. Under the Traditional Medicine Research Programme of the Indian Council of Medica Research, the major achievements have been the scientific validation of an ancient technique called *Ksharaasootra* for the management of fistula-in-and, through multicentric controlled clinical trials. The product is ready fo technology transferred to suitable pharmaceutical industry The other areas where encouraging results are obtained are (i) Viral hepatitis, (ii) Diabetes mellitus, bronchia asthma, Urolithiasis, filariasis, Kala-azar, wound healing etc. The lists of the plants undergoing clinica trials/experimental studies is given in the enclosed Statement.

(c) and (d) The research efforts involve networking of Institutes of ICMR and CSIR for advanced pharmacological Research and also for establishing Quality Control and Standardisation of herbal remedies identified for clinical/experimental studies, Biostatistical monitoring of all clinical trials on herbal remedies, and the differen medical colleges/hospitals in the country where clinica trials are undertaken, thus minimising the possibility o duplication in research work. There is no foreign collaboration under the Traditional Medicine Research Programme of ICMR.